

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, January 13th, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Mayor George Nikolados.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Nikolados-Present
Trustee Sabatino-Present

Trustee Rue-Present
Trustee Banks-Present

Trustee Massey-Present

Also Present:

Michael Davidoff, Special Counsel
Richard S. Baum, Deputy Special Counsel
Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk
BJ Gettel, Building Department
Rich Manley, Building Department

Executive Order Compliance:

Mayor Nikolados acknowledged that we are compliant with all Covid-19 Health Pandemic regulations and Executive orders issued by the Governor of NYS in respect to conducting this Village Board Meeting via Video Conferencing with the Zoom App.

Motion to accept the agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Rue to accept the agenda with the following add-on:

1. Resolution amending the agreement with Barton & Loguidice, DPC for Improvements to the Village Water System

Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Approval of minutes from the December 18th, 2020 meeting minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Rue. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Mayor/Manager Report

Mayor Nikolados reported that he has been working on the Emergency Pandemic Plan that is a new requirement of the State and due by February 4, 2021. He also stated that he has been working in the basement along with the Building Department to get it organized, he's also been working with

Barton & Loguidice in regards to the USDA Funding for the Water Treatment Plant Project and lastly looking to see what grants are up and coming to see what the Village is and will be eligible for.

Trustee Rue asked if he could look into the Home Grants

Mayor Nikolados stated that he just received a notification about those the other day and will be looking into them for the Village hopefully before any other municipality grabs them.

Building Department Report

Good Evening Everyone,

I have a few announcements to make. There were a few Board members that made mention that the monthly report was hard to follow. I changed the way the monthly report looks. Hopefully this is easier for everyone. Let's review it.

Over the past 3 months someone in the Building Department has decided to expand her knowledge and get her certification. I am proud to announce that Ashley Gettel has achieved her BSI (Building Safety Inspection) License. She has decided to continue and become a Code Enforcement Officer. She still has 3 months to go on that. What does this mean? There will be days she is in the field getting training. She will still do her duties in the office. If down the road she decides to go elsewhere, I do have a backup plan. Congratulations Ashley.

Inspections: We are still doing rental and fire safety inspections. Sometimes going 3 or 4 times to get properties into compliance. I am still finding properties that have gone undetected. Currently there are:

Commercial = 280 parcels
Hazmat = 15 parcels
Public Assembly = 70 parcels
Multi Family = 158 buildings
Rentals = 310 buildings

That is a total of 833 parcels/buildings to inspect if they were to all pass the first time. The reality is more like 2000 inspections being done. Now let's add on building inspections and the violations. You have an extremely busy office.

Snow Removal: there have been a couple of storms lately with some accumulations. Recently Ashley went out and found over 40 properties. Yes, violations were written.

Court: There is currently 100 +/- court cases. Due to the pandemic, I am working with Michael and my team to see about decreasing that number within reason.

As soon as the Dept of State Codes Division posts the 2020 Report online, it will be filed, and I will give the mayor a copy.

Recently there was some cleaning done in the basement. All the maps belonging to the building department are now upstairs and placed in the proper files or on a shelf in the file room. We have

gone through them with the assistance of the team and various municipal officials. We also moved the old assessor files upstairs. I am sure that I do not have all the records yet. Those files account for history and data that is needed. A shredding company was called and the only files that were destroyed was archived materials, duplications, projects that never materialized, etc. of the building department. This made way for the Village to clean the basement and get ready to do more records management. Thank you to Jay and the Highway Dept for assisting us in this project.

A meeting was held recently with Deborah Worden, Director of Action Towards Independence to discuss grants and getting a grant writer. I want to thank the Mayor for attending as there are grants out there to assist you. There will be more meetings in the future. I am sure the collaboration is going to benefit this Village. If you have any suggestions, please let the Mayor know.

I have spoken to Hildy, Richard Baum, and the Mayor about setting up training classes for the Planning Board. This was met with favoritism. It will also count towards the mandatory training hours that are needed for the Planning Board. I will keep you posted. If all goes well, I will tackle the Zoning Board.

This concludes my monthly report.

Trustee Rue stated that she would like to have a Trustee go to these meetings with the Mayor because we are the elected officials and are the ones that have to make the decisions regarding the Village and regarding any grants and so on, we the Trustees have to be involved at all times.

Mayor Nikolados stated that this the Meeting with ATI was an informational meeting and just to see what is out there, there was no decisions or anything done.

Resolution authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$277,096.61

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Rue to pay the bills. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Auto Renewal of the Peak Power Systems Contract for the Generator's Annual System checkup in the Sewer Department and authorizing payment in the amount of \$4,877.75 from app# G.8120.233(Sanitary Sewers-Equipment Purchase). Current account balance is \$49,904.84

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Rue. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Resolution authorizing payment to Harry F. Rotolo & Son Inc in the amount of \$2,482.46 from app#G.8130.421(Treatment/Disposal-Repair/Maint) for the Emergency Repair at the Sewer Plant. Account balance after the repair is \$8,323.27

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Sabatino. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Resolution authorizing an Amendment to Chapter 290 of the Village Code, "Fee Schedule" to include Violation Fees to Chapter 216, "Solid Waste" as attached in Schedule "A"

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Sabatino. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Resolution authorizing payment to the Town of Thompson for Taxes in the amount of \$3,087.33 from app#A.1950.400 (Tax Assessment/Adjustments). Current account balance is \$13,025.39

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Sabatino. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Resolution declaring various items as Surplus as listed in the attached Schedule "A"

A motion was made by Trustee Banks with a second by Trustee Rue.

Mayor Nikolados explained that these items are from the basement and Highway Garage which is still in the process of being cleaned out.

Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Resolution authorizing payment to the Sullivan County Board of Elections for the Village of Monticello Election held on September 15, 2020 in the amount of \$1,485.00 from app#A.1450.411 (Elections-Printing). Current account balance is \$1,792.24

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Rue. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Resolution to Adopt an Updated Policy against Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Disability

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Rue. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Extension of Lease Agreement with Sullivan Paramedic DBA Mobil Medic

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Sabatino.

There was a brief discussion regarding the monthly rent and the Board was made aware that the current amount in the contract that is before them is \$1,000.00 more than the previous one and they also take care of other things in the building and they do not charge the Village or ask the Village for reimbursement. Also it is important to have an Ambulance/Paramedics in the Village to serve the residents and they are always very profession and knowledgeable.

Trustee Massey stated that she disagrees with them utilizing the building

Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-nay
Trustee Sabatino-yea
Trustee Banks-yea

Resolution amending the agreement with Barton & Loguidice, DPC for Improvements to the Village Water System

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Sabatino.

Roy Richardson was present from B & L and made the Board aware of \$1M dollar non-matching grant that is available to the Village right now through the CDBG, we are currently straightening out any prior hiccups that we had in the past, but that potential funding that can be used in the Village for water and sewer projects and will be an asset because you, the Village, do not have to put any money up. There is a short deadline and rumor has it that there may be another round available down the line, but this is in front of us now and is definitely worth going after. I'll work with the Board over the next month or so to get the Public notices done and the other paperwork and procedures completed to make sure that we are in compliance and if the Village gets awarded the maximum amount, it is \$1M dollars.

Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Rue to go into Executive Session at 6:24pm to discuss the following:

Personnel

Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Rue to come out of Executive Session at 6:55pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

DPW Forman Salary

Resolution putting the DPW Forman Salary back to the pay that was agreed upon September 1st, 2020 retroactive through December 11th, 2020.

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Rue. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Mayor Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Massey-nay

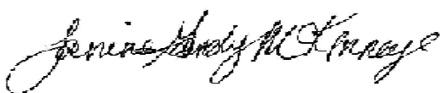
Trustee Sabatino-yea

Trustee Banks-yea

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Sabatino to close the meeting at 6:56pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk